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Applicants : Claudio A. Cerutti, Artemio G. Affaticati and Stuart M. Edwards  
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For : ARTICLE SORTATION SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, Applicants wish to amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

This Response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.



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Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

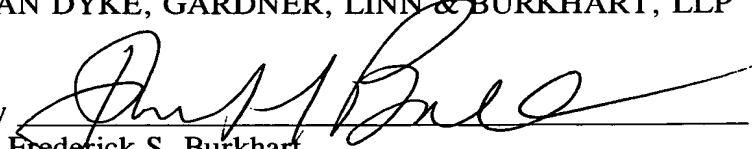
Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity	Other Than Small Entity
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims * 25	Minus ** 89	= 0	x \$9	\$ .00
Independent Claims * 4	Minus *** 11	= 0	x \$43	\$ .00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims			\$145	\$ .00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$	\$ 0.00

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3  
\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.  
The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

1. ☐ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ☒ No additional Fee is required.
3. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
4. ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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